Computer Education

1424. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to formulate a comprehensive policy keeping in view of the increasing requirement of the computer personnel in various professions; and

(b) whether Government also propose to give an extra grant to those colleges which start computer training etc. to create more facilities for training in this field so as to ensure right type of training and create job opportunities at home in order to thwart the danger of brain drain in this particular field of technology?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

Ownership of Railway Wagons

1425. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA: Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state.

(a) whether Government propose to allow all the States to purchase and own Railway wagons;

(b) what is the cost of a full size wagon and the number of wagons at the disposal of Railways which could be offered to the States under own your wagon schemes; and

(c) whether Government propose to allow a rebate on the freight to the users in lieu of ownership of wagons under the scheme?

THE MINISTER OF TRANSPORT (SHRIMATI MOHSINA KIDWAI): (a) There is no such proposal under consideration.

(b) (i) About Rs. 6 lakhs for a complete BOX N Wagon.

(ii) Does not arise in view of (a).

(c) Railways have offered a suitable rebate on freight to user industries who are prepared to purchase and own railway wagons.

Task Forces for Programme of Action

1426. SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether a number of task forces have been formed by Government for preparing a programme of action for implementation of the new Education Policy; and

(b) if so, what are the details there of ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A statement indicating composition of various Task Forces is attached. [*See* Appendix CXXXIX, Annexure No. 85].

Tours to promote unity and understanding among the youth

1427. SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is an proposal under Government's consideration to organise regional youth folk festival tours, Bharat Darshan tours and National Integration camps to promote unity and understanding among the youths; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS AND WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA) : (a) and (b) Under the programme to promote unity and understanding among the

youth of the country, it is expected that by the end of 1986-87, atleast 20 programmes of visits of young persons to various places of interest in the country and 36 national integration camps, including, five regional youth festivals, would have been organised at different places in the country.

Book Stalls at Stations owned by M/s. A. H. Wheeler and Company

1428. SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL: Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) what was the number of stations on which book stalls were exclusively controlled by M/s. A. H. Wheeler and Company Private Limited during each of the last three years;

(b) what was the amount of licence fee paid by them to Government during the above period and what was the value of free passes availed by them; and

(c) what is the number of such book stalls allotted to unemployed youth at places with or population above one lakh?

THE MINISTER OF TRANSPORT (SHRIMATI MOHSINA KIDWAI): (a) the number of stations on which A. H. Wheeler & Co. are having sole selling rights during the last three years, is as under, year-wise:

1983	268
1983	265
1985	264

(b) The amount of licence fee paid by A. H. Wheeler & Co. during the above period, is as under, year wise:

1983	14.25 lakhs
1984	15.53 lakhs
1985	21.10 lakhs (approximate)

It is not possible to quantify the value of Free Passes.

(c) Population-wise information about allotment of book stalls is not maintained. However, a total of 181 bookstalls have been allotted to unemployed graduates at various stations.

Non-availability of Life Saving Injections in Government Hospitals

1429. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that medicines including life-saving injections are usually not available in Government hospitals in Delhi and that a number of patients have to go to the market to buy these medicines/injections and that on account of non-availability of medicines or delay in getting them have resulted in the death of a number of patients; and

(b) if so, what remedial measures have been taken by Government in this matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Birth Centenary Celebration of Maulana Azad

1430. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have drawn up any programme for the celebration of birth centenary of Maulana Abul Kalam Azad in 1988; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) and (b) Action has been initiated for celebration of the birth centenary of Maulana Azad in 1988.